

# SPARKS ACROSS AMERICA

Supporting Parents in Advocacy, Reform and Knowledge in Science

Join SPARKS Across America! Supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Chattanooga Nature Center is presenting a program that brings a science organization and parents of children in grades K-6 together in order to promote parental involvement in their children's science education.

The Chattanooga Nature Center is holding a two-day SPARKS workshop for parents on:

September 26, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
and

September 27, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Each parent will receive:

A \$50 honorarium upon completion of the workshop  
and a book of family science activities to do at home.



WHEN YOU FOSTER YOUR CHILD'S NATURAL CURIOSITY,  
YOU ARE HELPING TO BUILD LIFE-LONG SCIENCE SKILLS

Provide for interesting and fun learning at home. Science doesn't have to be intimidating or boring - it can be a family thing: together, you can visit the zoo; observe the size, shape and colors of plants and animals; or observe animal adaptations. You can encourage your child's interest in science-related books, games and television programs.

## SCIENCE ISN'T JUST FOR SCIENTISTS!

- ◆ Do you keep plants at home or have a garden?
- ◆ Do you recycle paper, cans and bottles?
- ◆ Do you listen to weather reports in the morning?
- ◆ Do you care about good health and nutrition?
- ◆ Do you use a computer at home, school or work?

Whether you realize it or not,  
science touches your life every day!

OUR CHILDREN AREN'T LEARNING ENOUGH SCIENCE. SHOULD WE CARE?

The study of science is as important as reading, writing and arithmetic. Yet, science scores for U.S. children lag behind those of other industrialized nations!



PARENTS CAN HELP UNLOCK THE DOOR TO BETTER SCIENCE EDUCATION

If you are not already involved in your child's science education, become involved. Studies show that when parents take an interest in their child's education, achievement and performance soar!

For more information, please call (423) 821-1160 and press zero.

